

KING COUNTY ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2002

KCASAAB Members Present: Linda Brown, Joan Clement, Nancy Code, Jim Harbaugh, Scott Strawn

KCASAAB Members Absent: Pam Detrick, Roger Goodman (excused), Bob Seidensticker (excused), Yasmin Smith

Staff Attending: Cindy Bergh, Mike Elsner, Geoff Miller, Rhoda Naguit, Rose Soo Hoo, Amnon Shoenfeld, Jim Vollendroff

Guests Present: Harvey Funai, State Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse, Gerry Coughlin, Alcohol-Drug Helpline; Kim Murillo, KC Housing Authority; Ken Nicholas, CPC-Bridgeway Program; Al Sweeten, Seattle Indian Health Board

The regular monthly meeting of the King County Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Administrative Board (KCASAAB) was convened at 12:05 p.m. at the Conference Room of the Dutch Shisler Sobering Center, 1930 Boren Avenue in Seattle.

I. INTRODUCTION

All the attendees introduced themselves.

II. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Joan Clement moved and Nancy Code seconded the motion to approve the board meeting minutes of July 9, 2002 as submitted. The motion was passed and the minutes were unanimously approved.

III. CHAIR'S REPORT

A. Special Recognition to Geoff Miller

On behalf of the board, Chair Linda Brown presented a Plaque of Recognition to Geoff Miller for his dedicated and effective service as Acting Alcohol/Drug County Coordinator and a special card containing individual messages from board members and a gift certificate.

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Harvey acknowledged that it was through Geoff's efforts that the State contract was under control. The issue of underexpenditure of services became a thing of the past under the leadership of Geoff as A/D Coordinator.

B. Board Liaison Report

Nancy Code: Two members of the Children and Family Commission (CFC) have met with two local business entities as part of its efforts to work together in providing services to the community. At the last CFC meeting, Steve Call, Director of the King County Budget Office, spoke about the King County budget. It was followed by a question-answer session.

Joan Clement: The joint CPI-SIAC group is still discussing about holding a combined meeting. It is also reviewing the proposed mission statement of the group.

Geoff Miller: The Legislative Advocacy and Public Affairs Committee has found an excellent facility in South King County—the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Center, for the forthcoming Legislative Forum on November 21, 2002. The center provides a comfortable gathering space for a public forum. It has a maximum capacity of 1,500. The committee is considering issuing free admission tickets to groups as part of a strategy to fill up the place.

The Legislative Advocacy and Public Affairs Committee will meet on August 28th to prepare the first draft of Legislative Priorities for 2003 and discuss the details of presentation of 2003 Legislative Priorities at the joint Legislative Forum.

C. Board Meeting Schedule

In consideration of Rhoda Naguit's new responsibility of staffing both Alcohol and Substance Abuse Administrative Board and the Mental Health Advisory Board, which meeting date falls on the same day, Board Chair Brown recommended moving back the board meeting to second Thursday of the month effective October 2002. Scott Strawn informed the board that he would not be able to attend the October board meeting only due to workload and work schedule that month.

D. Joint Board Meeting

The King County Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Administrative Board will host the joint board meeting with King County Mental Health Advisory Committee on September 10, 2002 from 12 noon to 1:30pm. Rhoda Naguit will look for a larger conference room at the Exchange Building to hold this meeting.

The agenda for the joint board meeting will include a discussion on legislative priorities for 2003 and budget issues. It was recommended inviting Steve Call, Budget Director for King County to do a presentation on King County Budget for 2003. Rhoda Naguit will contact Steve Call to find out his availability and willingness to make the presentation on September 10th. Board Chair Brown will follow it up with a call to Steve Call to identify what areas the group will be most interested in and some of the specific areas of concern. If time permits, Jim Harbaugh suggested discussing the issue of conflict of interest.

E. Board Membership Review

Yasmin Smith's leave of absence due to her schooling at the University of Washington ended last month. Board Chair Brown and Rhoda Naguit had made several attempts to contact her to no avail. Starting this month, her failure to attend the board meeting will be considered unexcused absence.

There is definitely a need to recruit additional board members. Discussion followed on the need for a diverse representation in the board.

F. A/D County Coordinator Nomination

Jim Harbaugh made a motion and Joan Clement seconded to nominate Jim Vollendroff as Alcohol/Drug County Coordinator. The motion was passed and approved unanimously.

A nomination letter signed by Board Chair Brown will be sent to the King County Executive Ron Sims for his approval. Jim Vollendroff's appointment as A/D County Coordinator will need King County Council confirmation.

G. Board Planning Retreat

The proposed date for the retreat is October 23rd, Wednesday, from 4pm to 8:30pm at the Dutch Shisler Sobering Service Center. Rhoda Naguit will poll the rest of the board who were absent in the meeting.

H. Report Card Discussion

Board members made comments and input on the report card which include:

- What is the purpose of this report card? Who's the target audience or user?
- Proposed data and how it meets the need of the target recipient
- Ways to monitor where bottlenecks occur.

- What does “number of unduplicated served” mean? The number of unduplicated is a count of those who are not repeaters or recidivists
- Include data on wait lists to show the wait lists are changing as an indicator of how we handle this.
- Add methadone/opiate substitute treatment category under outpatient treatment
- Treatment Outcome – Is there any matrix to show ultimate progress?

Geoff stated that the purpose of the report card is to provide benchmark or trend data, measure outcome indicators (e.g. success indicator, completion rate), and to provide information to the public that chemical dependency treatment works.

There was a discussion on utilization of TARGET data. TARGET does not have waiting list in the system. It does not give data on “capacity” which is important in this modality. Geoff stated that capacity is not included in the modality because it is a budget driven item. There is also a need to look at providing service to underutilized users such as African-American, Gay-Lesbian and other minority groups. The issue of moving funding due to underutilization of services was also brought up. Jim Vollendroff will work with Geoff to address this problem.

Geoff distributed the latest version of the “Chemical Abuse and Dependency Treatment and Prevention –Report Card” for board’s review and further comments.

IV. MANAGER’S REPORT

A. Briefing Paper

Copies of the Briefing Paper were mailed out to the board members last week. The Division’s Management Team has developed 30 topics. The purpose of this briefing paper is to aid board members in educating the legislators and the community on the publicly funded mental health and substance abuse systems in King County, including subjects related to mental health and chemical dependency budgets, inpatient and outpatient treatment. and residential services. The Management Team will occasionally review and update this paper to develop additional topics.

B. CHAT Update

The King County Council has approved the recommendation of the Adult Justice Operational Master Plan to close Cedar Hills Addiction Treatment (CHAT) facility by December 31, 2002.

Since the announcement was made about the closure of CHAT by the end of this year, admissions to the facility have drastically decreased that client census has gone down to 71, as of this reporting. Since most of the costs associated with running CHAT are fixed regardless of the census, the budget deficit at CHAT continues to grow. The Division cannot continue to operate the facility under the present conditions.

As a result of the growing deficit, the Division has informed State DASA of its plan to close CHAT no later than October 31st. All admission requests coming to CHAT will be carefully screened to ensure only patients who are able to complete their residential treatment at CHAT by September 15, 2002 will be admitted.

The Division hopes that inpatient providers in King County will have ample opportunity to apply for beds earmarked for King County. The Division is working with State DASA to consider making "one time bed only" if beds are given to providers outside of King County and those beds retained in King County be considered as "permanent beds".

Faith-based treatment modality will be given equal opportunity to apply for these beds.

The \$3M funding earmarked for CHAT in 2003 will be used for alternative community treatment. The following three proposals have been submitted to the County Council for funding consideration:

- King County Jail proposes a day reporting center and electronic home detention for \$2.5M. NRF staff will provide the administrative support for these programs.
- Mental Health, Chemical Abuse and Dependency Services Division is proposing a Co-occurring Disorder Tier. This will provide housing assistance and treatment for 150 chemically dependent and mentally ill clients. The cost is \$1M.
- Enhanced Methadone program will cost \$1M.

Since the proposed programs exceed the available funding, the group will continue to meet until they could come into an agreement.

The Division is also asking the County Council for some County funds budgeted for CHAT and funds from the sale of the Washington Center Building in Minor Avenue, Seattle. The funds will be used for housing vouchers to provide stable housing for COD clients.

There being no further business, Board Chair Brown adjourned the meeting at 1:15 and announced that the board will go into an Executive Session to discuss the issue of conflicts of interest. The Executive Session ended at 1:40pm.

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